



Around the region — and into the

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If you're planning on traveling throughout the West this summer, here are three books you might want to check out first. They are not exactly travel guides, but they can provide background that will add an extra dimension to your visits. (If travel plans aren't on your agenda, you can just go with the background — the books are equally good for armchair trips around the region and into the past.)

ANASAZI RUINS OF THE SOUTHWEST IN COLOR, William M. Ferguson and Arthur H. Rohn, University of New Mexico Press, 296 pp. paper, \$20.

The Anasazi culture of the Southwest represents some 2,500 years of continuity — from the early Basket Makers of 700 B.C. to the modern descendants, the Pueblo Indians. During the culture's halcyon days great cities were built in the canyons and along the cliffs of the Southwest — a region roughly covering the four-corners region of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona. But by 1300 A.D. most of these cities had been abandoned, as groups moved away and were assimilated by other cultures. Researchers are still not sure of the reasons for the cultural shift — drought, pressure from enemies, changing lifeways. They

